

term "blind and other persons with disabilities" means individuals who are eligible or who may qualify, in accordance with the Act entitled "An Act to provide books for the adult blind", approved March 3, 1931 (2 U.S.C. 135a), to receive books and other publications produced in specialized formats.

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Library of Congress to carry out this Act \$750,000 for fiscal year 2007 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2008 through 2011.

PERMITTING USE OF CAPITOL ROTUNDA FOR 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 427, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 427) permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 427) was agreed to.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and pursuant to Title 46, Section 1295b(h), of the U.S. Code,

appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: the Senator from Mississippi, Mr. LOTT, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and the Senator from Hawaii, Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 3637

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3637) to require the submittal to Congress of any Presidential Daily Briefing relating to Iraq during the period beginning on January 20, 1997, and ending on March 19, 2003.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I now ask for its second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

RECOGNIZING SENATOR JOHN THUNE FOR 100 HOURS OF PRESIDING

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I wish to take a moment to recognize the Presiding Officer, Senator John Thune, for tonight reaching 100 hours of presiding. Senator THUNE should be commended for his perseverance. He often rushes to the floor to preside for only 10 minutes as we close our business for the day, making 100 hours seem almost unattainable. Congratulations to our Presiding Officer.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12. I further ask unanimous consent that the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business for up to 60 minutes, with the first 30 minutes under the control of the majority leader or his designee and the final 30 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee; further, that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 5411, the Homeland Security appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will continue its work on the Homeland Security appropriations bill. Today we had several votes relating to the bill, and tomorrow we can expect additional votes throughout the day. We will finish the bill this week. Therefore, I expect tomorrow to be a busier voting day than today. Senators should be working with the two managers if they intend to offer amendments.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:52 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, July 12, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.